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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shingo MORISHIMA

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For: IMPROVED STRUCTURE OF EJECTOR PUMP

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the May 14, 2007 Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-9, and Species A, Figures 1-4 and 7, with traverse.

At least claims 1-4 are readable on the elected species. Claim 1 is generic.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims and all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims or any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims or species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should

apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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